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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 18 as follows.

18. (Amended) A shielding device for electrical connectors, the shielding device comprising:

a base rail arranged in a base rail plane, said base rail having a longitudinal direction in said base rail plane;

a plurality of webs extending from said base rail in a transverse direction, said transverse direction being substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal direction and being in said base